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**REQUEST FOR RECALCULATION OF PATENT TERM  
ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW OF WYETH**

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Sir:

Patentee hereby requests recalculation of the Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b) indicated on the above-identified patent. The patentee's sole basis here for requesting the recalculation is the USPTO's Pre-Wyeth Interpretation of 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(2)(A).

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